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**RESPONSE**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, with a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby having a response date of June 29, 2003. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.

**Remarks**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-16 and 18-22 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hertrampf (US 6,021,912). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As the Examiner is well aware, a "claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim. See *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

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